

TODAY'S VERSE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy might.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Kate Baker smile? "The kindness of others, my nieces and nephew, laughter, my dogs, the ocean. There are so many things that bring me joy." She's "an incredibly proud aunt, the best title I've ever had," and "a proud mom" to her two sweet huskies, Dakota and Dasher. Since coming on to the job as Noblesville Main Street's executive director, Baker feels right at home. She invites everyone to stop in. "I love hearing about what people value about Noblesville Main Street and, of course, what they'd like to see from us in the future," she said. Main Street's next event is a First Friday Holiday Open House from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Friday in downtown Noblesville, with the Lacy Building open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

And Another Thing...

1. "Falling Back"

Don't forget to change your clocks folks - daylight saving time ends this Sunday at 2 a.m. The next time the clocks will change will come at 2 a.m. on March 12, 2023, when we "spring forward!" Here's an interesting fact about daylight saving time: it was first implemented by Germany in 1916. The U.S. adopted it in 1918, but it would not become standardized until 1966.

2. Vets Day Closure

The HHW Center AND General Recycling Area will be closed on Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Normal Hours will resume on Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3. Support Wildlife

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund, DNR is been sharing a series of 40 stories across 12 themed months. December's focus will look toward the future of Indiana's rare and endangered wildlife. Want to help DNR? Email them your ending to this sentence prompt: "To help rare and endangered wildlife, I plan to..." Selected answers will be included in the December installment of the Nongame Wildlife Fund's 40 stories story map. Email your response to mmason1@dnr.IN.gov by 11:59 p.m. this Sunday.

4. Happy Birthday!

It was Kason Johnson's eighth birthday. There he was in Mountain Grove, Missouri hanging on to a lot of birthday balloons. But the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] says he lost his grip and up they went, sky high and seemingly lost forever. Alas, they floated away. Five hundred miles later they made landfall in the yard of Todd Huyler in Cleveland, Tennessee. He found an envelope attached to the bouquet of balloons. It provided the address of Kason's school. Huyler wasted no time putting together a batch of goodies, as well as \$100, sending them to Kason along with his Happy Birthday wishes.)

5. Hunting, Trapping

DNR is reminding hunters and trappers of the specific seasons opening and closing in November:

- Hunting: Deer Firearms: Nov. 12-27; Dove: Nov. 1-27; Pheasant (Cock only): Nov. 1 - Dec.15; Rabbit: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2023; Raccoon, Opossum: Nov. 8 - Jan. 31, 2023; Quail: North of Interstate 74: Nov. 1 - Dec. 15; South of Interstate 74: Nov. 1 - Jan. 10, 2023; Canada Geese: North Zone: Nov. 19 - Feb. 12, 2023; Central Zone: Open until Nov. 6, reopens Nov. 19 - Feb. 12, 2023; South Zone: Nov. 5-20, Nov. 26 - Feb. 12, 2023; Ducks: North Zone: Open until Dec. 11; Central Zone: Open until Nov. 6, reopens Nov. 19 - Jan. 8, 2023; South Zone: Nov. 5-6, Nov. 26 - Jan. 22, 2023; Trapping: Beaver: Nov. 15 - March 15, 2023; Mink, Muskrat, Weasel: Nov. 15 - Jan. 31, 2023; Raccoon, Opossum: Nov. 8 - Jan. 31, 2023; River Otter: Nov. 15 - March 15, 2022

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

The cast performs "Cell Block Tango" during rehearsals of Noblesville High School's fall musical, "Chicago, The Musical," which will be presented Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

Cast, Crew, Parents Preparing for NHS Fall Musical, 'Chicago'



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

As a parent of a Noblesville High School junior who is involved in NHS Singers show choir and theater, I've learned that it takes a lot of people to make a show happen.

Getting ready for a high school musical takes months,

weeks, days and hours of rehearsals, with cast members learning lines, music, blocking and choreography, and crew members building and decorating sets, finding props and creating costumes, and designing lights and sound.

Getting ready for a musical also takes the help of many parent volunteers, putting together show programs, providing meals during tech week, soliciting sponsors, decorating the lobby, working concessions, and tickets and silent auction tables, and cleaning up afterward. There is also all of the publicity to promote the show, via social media and print and online media, and old-school posters and word of mouth.

As of today, we are only two weeks away from opening night of NHS's fall musical, "Chicago, The Musical." Tickets are

on sale now for the three performances, at 7 p.m. Nov. 17, 18 and 19 on the NHS Auditorium stage.

On Tuesday, the day after Halloween, Noblesville Schools had an eLearning day, or teacher professional development day, for the district. However, our household got up early and went to school, because my daughter, who was cast in the fall musical, had to be dressed in her costume and hair and makeup and arrive by 9:15 a.m. for a sneak peek snippet performance on the auditorium stage for the Noblesville teachers.

I'm told the sneak peek performance went well. In fact, the rehearsals are going quite well for the show, which is expected to sell out, I'm told.

Well, the show should sell

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Photo courtesy of HCEM

Those who completed the training are (back row, left to right) Ryan Tennesen, Shane Booker, Dyan Powell, Tony Peterson, (front row, left to right) Pam Eldridge, Michael Franklin and Indiana Prati.

HCEM Achieves National Distinction

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, the United States developed a system to streamline how public safety agencies work together. The National Incident Management System is a standardized approach to

incident management.

It establishes five key functional areas when responding to an emergency or disaster - management, operations, planning,

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Photo by Byron Settles courtesy of HCPR

An aerial view of the HC Farms protected property that will serve as a new county park.

DNR Awards \$800K to Hamilton County Parks

The Hamilton County community has been made the beneficiary of significant funding issued to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

through the state agency's recently created Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program (IN SWMP), an In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Exercise is one of the best ways to treat stress. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



HONEST HOOSIER

Halloween is barely over and the full Christmas shopping season is in full bloom. Wouldn't it be nice if we got back to everything having a season . . . oh, wait. I seem to recall someone writing something about that. Sure hope I am spelling Ecclesiastes right!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank SHIRLEY WARD for subscribing!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Those that know, do. Those that understand, teach." - Aristotle

TODAY'S JOKE

An officer berated the young soldier for not attending the camouflage training. The young soldier just smiled and said, "Thank you, sir!"

7 DAY FORECAST: THU 47/73, FRI 54/75, SAT 59/66, SUN 46/70, MON 46/72, TUE 49/72, WED 48/71

OBITUARIES

Beverly Guion Monroe Hollingsworth

August 22, 1935-October 31, 2022

Beverly Guion Monroe Hollingsworth, 87, of Carmel, passed away on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022 at Green House Senior Living in Carmel.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1935 to Howard and Doris (Coolman) Guion in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Hollingsworth, a proud Purdue graduate/alumni, was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church. She was an educator and resource teacher through Washington Township Schools, and worked for Public Service Indiana. She married James Edward Monroe and raised her children in Noblesville. She enjoyed making her house a home and entertaining others by playing the saxophone and piano. Mrs. Hollingsworth loved her flowers and had a passion for caring for others, sending hand-written notes or a caserole with perfect timing. She was a devoted sister and kept in touch with her high school and college friends.

Survivors include her sister Janice (Ron) Bell; 5 children Daniel (Carla) Monroe, Melinda Monroe (Nancy Spargo), Jonathan (Christine) Monroe, Thomas (Annessa) Monroe and Susanna (Chuck) Porter; 13 grandchildren Joseph (Abbie) Monroe, Hannah Monroe (Derrick Bailey), Luke Monroe, Will Monroe, Jake (Janelle) Ohlemiller, Dillon Ohlemiller, Elena Monroe, Alexandra Monroe, Marcos Monroe, Rebecca (Brian) Richie, Abby Monroe, Riley Porter and Emma (Yuichiro) Imaoka; 6 great-grandchildren Ruth, Angus, Opal, Ada, Amos and Eudora; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Dale Hollingsworth; and infant grandson Rand Monroe.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at the funeral home, with grandson, the Rev. Jake Ohlemiller, officiating. Burial is scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. at Bethel Cemetery in Indianapolis with a time of fellowship following at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nurses for Newborns, 3 Sunnen Drive, St. Louis, MO 63143 (nursesfornewborns.org/home/missouri-2); or Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com

Gail Linke

October 29, 2022

Gail Linke, age 85, passed away peacefully at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 following a stroke.

She was born in Columbus, Indiana, daughter of the late Glenn and Emma Linke.

Ms. Linke had a wonderful singing voice and enjoyed exploring Chicago, where she resided for many years in the Edgewater area. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Design from the University of Cincinnati in 1961, participating in a work-study program that permitted her to put herself through college. Her determination and achievements helped her to be a pioneer in women's success in the business world. Ms. Linke retired from the General Services Administration in Chicago in 2003 as a Federal Project Manager. In this position, she was responsible for managing the construction of new federal buildings and overseeing the major renovation projects for existing structures, including the Fort Benjamin Harrison facility in Indianapolis. Her early years with GSA included service as the interior decorator for the Curator of the White House during the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations. Ms. Linke's past assignments included design and alternation projects for the White House, the Vice President's Naval Academy Residence, West Point Library and Camp David. Her "hobbies" included exploring resale shops for antiques, working as a guide at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and serving as a docent at the Chicago Art Museum. In later years, she embraced playing bingo and "The Golden Girls."

Survivors include her brother Curtis, of Noblesville. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jerry; and sister Phyllis.

Private services are scheduled to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus later this month.

Memorials can be sent to Christ The Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St., Fishers, IN 46038; or to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Friends of Clifty, 6045 E. State St., Columbus, IN 47201.

Hamilton County Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Hamilton County Historical Society, based out of the old Sheriff's Residence and Jail Museum on the square in Noblesville, is inviting its members and the public to their annual meeting and dessert reception on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. The meeting will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville at 1207 Conner St., Noblesville.

After a short business meeting and board election, a program will be given by Board President Jessica Layman on "Hamilton County Anniversaries - Past, Present, and Future." This program will cover how Hamilton County has handled significant anniversaries in the past like the Centennial in 1923, and how the Historical Society and its partners will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the

county in 2023.

Come learn about the Bicentennial with special sneak-peeks of events not yet available in other places. If you are interested in getting more involved with history in Hamilton County, make sure to attend. The Historical Society is always looking for more members interested in leadership opportunities.

Historical Society members are invited to the meeting for \$5 per person, and members of the public at \$7 per person, paid at the door. If an attendee wants to become a member, special prices will be available at the meeting, paying in cash or check.

Dessert reception includes a 200th Birthday cake, ice cream, and beverages.

RSVP to Board Secretary Katie Murray at (317) 379-0096 before Nov. 20.

Meeting Notice

Council Public Safety Committee

The Council Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 has been changed to Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Mayor's conference room #1 at City Hall, 16 South 10th St.

Spirit & Place - Powerful Conversations on Race



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Are you familiar with Spirit & Place Festival? We had an article previewing it in our Sunday edition.

If you are not, let me be clear. I believe this is a good thing. According to the web site: "The annual Spirit & Place Festival is almost here! From November 3 - 13 we will explore the theme of IDENTIFY with more than 25 independently created events. From musical and dance performances to family-friendly offerings, art exhibits, panel discussions, and community conversations we are sure you will find something to love. Visit our event calendar to learn more or flip through our Festival Event Guide."

To be sure, the more events that bring together a wide range of diverse people is good. Back in my day we used to call it sports. People of all shapes, sizes, colors, religions and persuasions

got together to play softball tournaments, tennis, horseshoes, fish, canoe, play cards . . . you name it. Afterward, a lot of them would get together at watering holes to quench the thirst they worked up.

A lot of friends were made.

Of course it wasn't all sports. That's just what I was mostly exposed to. There were art fairs and motorcycle rallies and theater outings and on and on. The world wasn't all peaches and cream by a long shot, but it sure didn't feel as divided as it does now.

OK, enough old guy reminiscing.

As I looked through the Spirit & Place web site (www.spiritandplace.org) I noticed something called Powerful Conversations on Race. It reads: "Powerful Conversations on Race (PCR) is a monthly community dialogue series exploring topics around race, racism, and the resulting impact. These sessions provide a means of getting comfortable talking about uncomfortable topics and are rooted in humanities- and arts-based materials and sources."

Each month we'll choose 1 or 2 readings and other source materials such as art, music, poetry, lyrics and videos to ground our conversa-

tion. Facilitators trained in the Civic Reflection Dialogue Method will use these materials to further support and push our discussion into deeper examination and reflection on our underlying beliefs around race and racism in America and its implications. It is not necessary to read or engage with any of the source materials before we meet. In fact, we encourage everyone to come to the table as is.

This IS NOT a lecture or book club, but rather a space for community to come together and dive deeply into a variety of topics concerning race. Active participation is expected."

Again, I think this is a good thing. I've pounded on my little soapbox for years and years that civil discourse is needed. The more that happens, the better off we'll all be.

But one of the related topics that often comes up when race is discussed is getting rid of statues and monuments related to the old South, the Civil War and anything that reminds us of the dark time our country went through.

Perhaps that won't happen at this event? Perhaps these participants are better than that? I hope so.

Let me back up. I have not talked with any of the Spirit & Place organizers. So perhaps they don't con-

done tearing down statues from a dreadful period in our history. I simply don't know, and am not accusing them of anything. My point is much simpler. How can efforts to rewrite (at worst) or ignore (at best) history be a good thing? The very real fact is that our nation went through some ugly, ugly times. Do we think by ignoring it we are changing it? Do we think erasing the physical reminders will make it OK? Have we not learned that those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it?

Honestly, I don't know how anyone in their right mind can defend racism. There's no part of any sort of bigotry that's OK. We are becoming more open and accepting as a people, and there is nothing bad about that.

If Spirit & Place really does produce honest conversations that help bring people together then more power to it.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Thursdays in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Humane Society for Hamilton County to Host Holiday Gala

Humane Society for Hamilton County's (HSHC) 16th Annual Tinsel & Tails Holiday Petacular will take place on Nov. 17, 2022. The event is from 6-9 p.m. at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel. Tickets and tables are still available for purchase at TinselandTails.com.

This event is HSHC's largest fundraiser supporting the shelter's annual operating expenses. The highlight of the evening is a video presentation, followed by the featured animals and their humans walking a runway that spans the ballroom. A silent auction, seated dinner, and 'Golden Ticket Raffle' are also part of the evening's festivities.

"Tinsel & Tails is our premier fundraiser showcasing the year's most remarkable stories of rescue and redemption," said Rebecca Stevens, President and CEO of HSHC.

"This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Pets Healing Vets Program as well, so we'll be featuring several veteran stories to remind everyone of the very real struggle veterans have with mental wellness. Their testimonies, and the other incredible stories we'll share, are sure to stay with those who celebrate the evening with us."

Those who are unable to attend can donate at TinselandTails.com or bid in the silent auction opening on Nov. 10 at One.bidpal.net/2022TinselandTails.

Tinsel & Tails is proudly sponsored by Canine Cloud Nine, Cosmo's Superior Foods, Centier Bank, Noah's Animal Hospitals, Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Care, Republic National Distributing Company, Woodford Reserve, Curran Architecture, Paws & Play Dog Resort & Training Center, Round Room Holdings, LLC., Ed Martin Automot-

ive, Current Publishing, Four Day Ray Brewing, Tito's Handmade Vodka, 502 East Event Centre, Strategic Wealth Designers, Hupp Jewelers and Robert's Camera.

About the Humane Society for Hamilton County:

The mission of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is "Saving Lives. Educating Communities. Completing Families." HSHC serves as both the animal control facility and Humane Society for Hamilton County, and as such, receives partial funding (approximately 22%) from Hamilton County to fund the first seven days of an animal's basic care.

The majority of HSHC's annual operating budget is funded by individual donations and its three annual fundraising events—Wine, Wags & Whiskers, Woofstock, and Tinsel & Tails. HSHC is one of the

only open-admission, truly "No-Kill" organizations in the United States in that it does not euthanize animals for time, space, treatable injuries, illnesses or rehabilitatable behavior issues regardless of age, breed, disability or special needs.

HSHC also serves the community with a variety of unique programs like the Survivor Program (which funds the medical care and the rescue of over 800 animals at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters this year) and Pets Healing Vets (www.PetsHealingVets.com), which pairs Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD/TBI with emotional support pets at no cost to the veteran.

HSHC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is not a United Way Agency and is not affiliated with any other animal welfare group in the United States. For more information, visit HamiltonHumane.com

Gov. Holcomb Appoints 6 Local People to State Boards and Commissions

On Tuesday, Governor Eric Holcomb announced a series of appointments to various state boards and commissions, including six individuals from Hamilton County.

Gov. Holcomb reappointed Diane Vuotto of Fishers to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Vuotto is doctor of chiropractic medicine at Back Pain Chiropractic Clinic. She will serve on the board until Sept. 30, 2026.

The Governor also made one new appointment to the board: Richard

Mason of Fishers. Mason is doctor of chiropractic medicine at Mason Family Chiropractic & Wellness and will serve until Sept. 30, 2026.

Holcomb reappointed Reginald Henderson of Carmel to the Board of Trustees of Vincennes University until Oct. 5, 2025. Henderson is president of Telamon Energy Solutions.

Anna Shults, of Fishers, was named as a new appointment to the state's Charter School Board until Sept. 30, 2026. Shults is the former head of school



Gov. Eric Holcomb

and founder of ACE Prep Charter School.

Holcomb announced Logan Cook, senior associate and unit manager with Wiss, Janney, Elstner

Associates, as a new appointment to the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission. Cook is from Fishers and will serve on the commission until Sept. 30, 2026.

The Governor reappointed Richard Hester of Carmel to the Indiana Optometry Board until Sept. 30, 2026. Hester is a senior partner with Indiana Business Advisors.

Lastly, Richard Leirer, of Carmel, was reappointed to the Veterans Affairs Commission for an indefinite period. Leirer is VFW State Commander.

MELBA & MISTI FOR NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD



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- By voting for Misti Ray & Melba Kiser for Noblesville School Board, you're putting students, teachers & education first!



Photo by Jen Kauffman courtesy of HHSC

Victoria Chambers (as Madame Zenobia) and Tanner Barry (as Howie) practice their roles as one con artist trying to exorcise angry spirits from the house with the other con artist, playing along pretending to be the angry spirit.

HHSC Drama Department to Present *You Can't Beat The House*

Members of the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department cordially invite the community to attend its live production of *You Can't Beat The House* by Pat Cook. The play is directed by Hamilton Heights' Theatre teacher Brooks Myers in collaboration with her theatre class.

This comedy brings choreographed chaos to life in a hilarious show that proves you really can't beat the house. The play follows the story of two bungling burglars, Merle and Howie, who picked a house to rob, only to discover that once they get inside that not only is the house up for sale, but a pair of prospective buyers have stopped by to see it.

The deplorable duo sees only two choices - either pretend to be real estate agents and show the house or make a run for it and risk a police chase. Subsequent visits from the police, several people related to the prospective buyers, a psychic, and some ghosts turn the show into a wacky journey that will keep the audience laughing all the way through.

"This production is the theatre arts class's class project," said Brooks

Want **TO GO?**

Title: *You Can't Beat The House* by Pat Cook

What: Hamilton Heights Drama Department Fall Play

When: Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium

Tickets: \$5 Tickets available on through the HHHS website at hhschuskiies.org/highschool and at the door

Myers, who has been instrumental in bringing live student products to the stage at Heights for the past six years.

"The students in the class make up the cast and crew. Students are in charge of their own costumes, lights, sounds, publicity, etc. This is an incredible hands-on learning experience by being involved in every aspect of putting on a successful show."

"We think this is a perfect pick for our community because of the laughter and the comedy that is woven throughout the script and the characterizations of those onstage," she continued. "The humorous and comedic characters all work together to share

Want **MORE?**

Meet the cast and crew of HHSC's *You Can't Beat The House*:

The cast:

- Merle - Tanner Orton
- Howie - Tanner Barry
- Conrad Spears - Mason Johnson
- Glenda Spears - Meredith Dodson
- Courtney Parfait - Emaline Craig
- Officer Milo Larraby - Charles Wedmore
- Lillian - Anna Beth Naylor
- Madame Zenobia - Victoria Chambers
- Brian - Theo Blake
- Fern Larraby - Sage Dugger

Director:

- Brooks Myers

Backstage:

- Shamar Stapleton
- Ricky Munoz

their talents bringing the audience a couple of hours of joy and laughter. We hope to see you there!"

Tickets are \$5 and available online at hhschuskiies.org or at the door. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department. Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Carmel Symphony Orchestra to Present Violin Sensation Alexi Kenney on Nov. 12

Carmel Symphony Orchestra under Artistic Director Janna Hymes will welcome young violinist Alexi Kenney to its Masterworks 2 performance on Nov. 12 at 7:30 pm at The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tickets start at just \$30 for adults and \$10 for children. They are on sale now at thecenterpresents.org/tickets, at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank box office or by calling (317) 843-3800.

The CSO also is honoring US military veterans and current active-duty military personnel with a 50 percent discount on tickets for this Veterans Weekend performance. No code is necessary - purchasers should plan on showing their official ID when tickets are picked up at the box office.

"Alexi Kenney is a young, California-born violinist who literally is in process of taking the musical world by storm!" Hymes said of the CSO's upcoming guest.

"He solos with major orchestras throughout the US and abroad, plays recitals at places like Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and London's Wigmore Hall, he regularly appears at festivals such as Ravinia, Music@Menlo and Chamber Music Northwest, and just last year he released

his first recording - the Paul Wiancko X Suite for Solo Violin, a piece he commissioned and premiered in 2019.

"Alexi is also a member of a new quartet collective called the Owls," she added, noting recent concerts in New York City and upcoming performances in Washington DC and New York. "He's just a remarkable young man and young violinist, and we can't wait to welcome him to the Palladium stage with the CSO."

Among selections on the Masterworks 2 program are the Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1, Colas Breugnot Overture by Kabalevsky, and the glorious Pines of Rome, the tone poem for orchestra by Respighi, written as a tribute to various scenes in and around Italy's beloved capital.

"It is going to be a lovely evening of beautiful music," Hymes stated. "Coming on the

heels of our rousing Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, Masterworks 2 is a fitting continuation of our 47th season, showcasing the wonderful musical talents of our orchestra members plus a brilliant young rising star in Alexi Kenney. We invite everyone to come and enjoy!"

The Carmel City Center area is home not only to the Palladium but to numerous restaurants open for dining before or after the evening's performance. Abundant free parking is available in garages, nearby lots or curbside - all within easy walking distance of the Palladium.

Additional information about Masterworks 2, the twin Dec. 4 Holiday Pops! shows or other 2022-23 CSO performances is available at CarmelSymphony.org

The 2022-23 Carmel Symphony Orchestra season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palladium and Pedcor.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Host Janus Developmental Services

On Oct. 26, the Noblesville Lions hosted speaker Yolanda Kincaid of Janus Developmental Services. She explained Janus's work in the community to the club. Kincaid is photographed above (left) with Lion VP Walt Sheid.

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Local Lawmakers Encourage Future Hoosier Educators to Apply for Scholarship

Hamilton County legislators are encouraging local students planning to pursue a career in education to apply for the state's teaching scholarship as the application window just reopened.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship pays \$7,500 per year for up to four years to students earning a teaching degree and who commit to teaching in Indiana for at least five years. Applications can be submitted online now at LearnMoreIndiana.org/nextteacher through Jan. 31.

"This scholarship opportunity is a win for our students pursuing a career in education and a win for our local schools who need more great teachers," Huston said. "Our goal is to strengthen the state's pipeline of talented educators who can lead our classrooms, and help students learn and grow."

"Educators are a driving force behind student success," said State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville), a member of the House Education Committee. "This scholarship inspires the best and the brightest to enter the teaching profession, and helps them save thousands of dollars."

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said scholarships are available to 200 high-achieving high school and college students each year who either graduate in the top 20 percent of their class, earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

To continue earning the scholarship, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid annually, earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year. Current college students who apply must be able

to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.

"Our community is home to many great schools and talented teachers who are dedicated to their students' success," Jeter said. "College is a huge financial commitment, and the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship helps students to cover some of the costs of their education and focus on earning their degree."

In 2021, more than 600 Hoosier students from 270 high schools in 86 counties applied for the scholarship. High school seniors accounted for 75 percent of the applicants, with current college students accounting for the remaining 25 percent.

"Teachers are important leaders in both our schools and community," said State Rep. Donna Schai-bley (R-Carmel). "They have a crucial role in influencing our young learn-

ers, and this competitive scholarship helps ensure we have the best educators in Hoosier classrooms."

"It's important for Indiana to encourage more hard-working and driven students to become teachers," said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel).

"This scholarship is a great opportunity, and I strongly encourage interested students in Hamilton County to apply."

Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status via email by March 24, 2023. Questions can be emailed to NextTeacher@che.in.gov.

"Having spent more than 40 years as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent, I know how rewarding a career in education can be," said State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero), who co-authored legislation creating the scholarship program. "Keeping dedicated educators in classrooms is critical for our future."

Patrick Tamm Announces Run for Westfield City Council

Patrick Tamm has announced his campaign for Westfield City Council, District 4. Tamm will run as a Republican in the May 2023 Primary.

"I have a track record of bringing solutions to the table. I'm passionate about how local government makes a direct impact on the community we live in ... and I'm ready to lead with a collaborative and strategic approach," said Tamm.

Tamm will focus on growing a strong quality of life in Westfield that includes building upon what Westfield already has in place. "Residents should be proud of where they live, and we need to further define how we make Westfield a desirable destination while still keeping the heart of Westfield intact," he said.

Also included in Tamm's vision is creating a more diversified tax base to lower taxes for residents. He intends to lead with a common sense approach on the council by being transparent and team-oriented.

Tamm's dedication to making a difference at the local level started in 1995 when he interned for the Republican State Committee. He then went on to work for former Mayor Steve Goldsmith, David McIntosh and former Governor Mitch Daniels.

Tamm brought the business and political experience he gained over the years and began a successful career as a governmental affairs professional. More than nine years ago, Tamm started Tamm Capital Group, an association management and governmental affairs firm.

Tamm's firm focuses on nonprofits, trade associations and Fortune



Patrick Tamm

500 companies with an attention on hospitality, tourism, employment, local government, and regulated industries, Tamm played a critical role in representing the hospitality and youth sports industries during 2020 in the face of COVID-19's tumultuous impact. He spearheaded the efforts on their behalf to get the hospitality industry back open and youth sports playing again.

Through his strong relationships and experience, Tamm was able to work with local, state and federal leaders, restaurant and hotel owners and Indiana residents to prepare everyone for a post COVID-19 reality.

Tamm has volunteered and served on boards over the years with several meaningful organizations in Central Indiana. Tamm was a board member for Westfield Centennial's HOA, is a previous Immigrant Welcome Center Board member, and has coached numerous youth sports teams. He has also been a Republican State delegate and has attended several Republican National National Conventions, and once as alternate delegate.

Tamm and his three children enjoy dining in Westfield and taking advantage of the outdoor amenities in the city.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Donate Funds to HBM COOP

On Oct. 26, the Noblesville Lions presented a check to the HBM Coop. The Coop will use the funds to purchase equipment to aid the blind and visually impaired students. Above, (from left to right) are Marcia Kang, HBM; Terri Miller, HBM; and Lion Julia Kozicki, 1st DVG.

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Holcomb to Lead Delegation to Egypt

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is leading an economic development trip to Egypt next week, where he will join global leaders at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. At the conference, Gov. Holcomb will deliver a keynote address about Indiana's efforts to usher in clean energy infrastructure and innovation to the state's mixture of energy sources. This is the first time a governor of Indiana has participated in a UN COP event, and Gov. Holcomb will be the only U.S. Midwest governor in attendance this year.



Gov. Eric Holcomb

“I'm honored to represent Indiana once again on the world stage to share how our state is a national leader in the future of reliable, renewable, affordable energy production. As a home to thriving innovators on the cutting-edge of transportation technology, we seek to be a global hub where the welcome mat is rolled out to partners who want to create the future and collaborate to build it,” said Gov. Holcomb. “I look forward to highlighting the ongoing ways Hoosiers continue to pioneer the way forward, develop sustainable solutions, and lead productive global conversations.”

Gov. Holcomb joined by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers will arrive in Egypt on Sunday, Nov. 6 to meet with business prospects, industry leaders and workforce development partners in Cairo and Sharm El Sheikh. At COP27, hosted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the governor and secretary will join representatives of more than 200 countries as well as subnational leaders, business executives and academics to

a Midwest coalition to pursue a regional hydrogen hub to fuel existing and future industrial processes; actively pursuing industry growth in energy transition-focused manufacturing, investing in companies that are building batteries, electric vehicles, solar panels and microelectronics; and developing a diversified energy strategy.

While at COP27 the governor will advance clean energy- and technology-focused discussions with businesses, universities, U.S. and foreign governments and organizations, including AES Corporation; Corteva Agriscience, which named Indianapolis its global headquarters earlier this year; and Indiana University. Gov. Holcomb will attend a corporate roundtable hosted by Climate Registry and a reception hosted in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Egypt.

“As a state, Indiana is squarely focused on building the economy of the future – one that is powering and is powered by sustainable solutions and clean energy,” said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. “We are seeing unprecedented momentum, and Indiana has an incredible story to tell. I look forward to advancing future-focused conversations and partnerships at COP27 that will usher in new innovations and investments, fueling the global economy.”

On Nov. 10, Gov. Holcomb will deliver a keynote address, co-hosted by Georgetown University and the Climate Registry, discussing Indiana's recent collaborative and public-private initiatives and policies to ensure energy security and stability, while also offering its top manufacturers and consumers access to clean, reliable and affordable energy sources. On Nov. 11, the governor will deliver a speech discussing Indiana's role in building the future of electric vehicles.

Indiana, which now ranks No. 4 in the U.S. for new clean energy projects under development, is working with

Gov. Holcomb will return to Indiana on Saturday, Nov. 12, concluding his 14th international trip as governor and his first visit to Egypt. The costs of the state delegation, which also includes staff members of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Governor's Office, are being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing 40 countries and territories. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14% of the total new jobs committed in 2021.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Support The Leos Club at NHS

Recently, the Noblesville Lions made donations to support the Leo Club at NHS. The Leo Club is getting together backpacks for the holiday giving to the homeless and needy in the area. One of the donors, Dr. Dan McGrath, donated tooth brushes and paste to Lion George Long. Dr. McGrath is of Crossroads Dentistry; he can be contacted at (317) 770-9730 or crossroadsdentistryonline@comcast.net. Above, Lion George Long (left) and Dr. Dan McGrath pose together.

Indiana Department of Education Continues Work to Prioritize Academic Standards Around Key Skills and Traits



On Wednesday, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) provided an update to the Indiana State Board of Education on its ongoing, statutorily-required work to update Indiana Academic Standards to align with the key skills and traits necessary for students to be successful after high school graduation.

“From one grade to the next, it's important that our students are building the essential knowledge and skills they need to set the foundation for lifelong success,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education.

“Following legislation passed earlier this year, we have been working with a broad range of stakeholders statewide to streamline Indiana's Academic Standards to focus on the essential knowledge and skills while promoting a rigorous

learning environment. With this prioritization of our state's standards, educators will be able to remain laser-focused on the knowledge and skills that matter most for students' success.”

Following the enactment of House Enrolled Act 1251 earlier this year, IDOE has led a comprehensive research effort to identify the skills and traits needed for students' lifelong success, including a focus on knowledge and skill development. The results of the independent research analysis align with the skills and traits of the Indiana Graduates Prepared

to Succeed characteristics. As next steps, Indiana will continue to work with educators, families and community members to prioritize key Indiana Academic Standards, with the goal of streamlining Indiana's standards.

To participate in an Indiana Academic Standards Prioritization Committee, educators can express interest by completing a form at jotform.com/form/222632962635156 and community members and families can show their interest by completing a form online at jotform.com/form/222683616399165

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Avoid Impersonation Scams This Holiday Season

The Better Business Bureau is partnering with Amazon to drive an education campaign aimed at helping consumers spot impersonation scams during this holiday season (BBB.org/ImpersonationScams). This scam tactic occurs when a scammer pretends to be a trustworthy organization or individual to steal a person's money or personal information. This co-branded campaign will run through the holiday season when we typically see an increase in scam attempts with more people seeking to make purchases.

The campaign follows new research published by the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust on October 5th. The new report, Start With Trust Online, the 2022 BBB Online Scams report, highlighted new scam tactics, particularly scams perpetrated online including online purchase scams that impersonate the brands of well-known businesses.



"Fifty-four percent of survey respondents said the scammer claimed to be from a legitimate organization, according to our latest research," notes Melissa Lanning Trumppower, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, the BBB's Foundation.

"Of those who said they were targeted by an impersonation scam, 50% said they were targeted by scammers pretending to be a trustworthy business. Our partnership with Amazon will help us reach more consumers with important informa-

tion about how to spot and avoid losing money to these scams."

"Amazon is committed to protecting consumers from impersonation scams and helping them protect themselves," said Kathy Sheehan, vice president and associate general counsel at Amazon.

"We're grateful to partner with consumer advocates like the Better Business Bureau to educate consumers." Data for the campaign and the BBB Institute research report were provided through BBB Scam Tracker, an online reporting and prevention tool that enables people to report and search scam reports. A new-and-improved version of BBB Scam Tracker will be launched in November in partnership with Amazon and Capital One.

BBB and Amazon recommend the following tips for shopping online:

- **Stay calm.** If you receive a suspicious phone call, resist the urge to act

immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is or how threatening or intimidating the caller sounds.

- **Don't reply directly.** Instead, visit the company's website or app to use their customer service channel and verify the message or phone call you received.

- **Go to the source or get help.** When in doubt, call a friend, loved one, or your local BBB to ask for a second opinion. Regardless of what is said in the phone conversation, tell someone.

- **Never feel pressured to give personal information** (SSN, account numbers/passwords, license number, etc.) over the phone, especially if the call was unexpected. Scammers may try to use calls, texts, and emails to impersonate a company's customer service. If you are unsure, end the call/chat and reach out directly to the company's customer service phone number or website.

- **Never pay over the phone, especially if the call was unsolicited.**

If you need to make a payment, go directly to the organization's website or app.

- **Never allow remote access to your computer if somebody offers tech support.** Shut down your computer immediately and seek support directly from your service provider.

- **Search BBB Scam Tracker.** If you're suspicious about the situation, search BBB Scam Tracker to see if anyone else has reported a similar situation. The NEW BBB Scam Tracker enables you to search by email, URL, phone number, and more. You can also report suspicious communications that mention Amazon directly to the company here.

- **Check that email address or URL more closely.** Scammers use similar website addresses or emails to appear legitimate, but if you look

closely, you may find one letter or number that is off.

For more information:

- For more highlights from the 2021 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, visit BBBMarketplaceTrust.org/OnlineScams

- Go to BBB.org/ScamTracker to report a scam and learn more about other risky scams at BBB.org/ScamTips.

About BBB Serving Central Indiana:

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

Hunters Asked to Donate Deer to Help the Hungry

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is asking for hunters throughout the state to help feed Hoosiers in need this deer season.

Founded in 2011, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry partners with various community members and organizations to get nutritious meat into hunger-relief agencies and into the hands of residents in need. Farmers, hunters, and 4-H members donate deer and livestock to their "Meat" The Need program. Donations are then processed at local participating meat processors and the meat is distributed to hunger-relief agencies within the community it was donated in.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry pays 100% of the processing fees so there is no charge to donors or agencies receiving meat.

According to Feeding America, an estimated 47% of the over 726,000 Indiana residents struggling with food insecurity make above the threshold to qualify for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. To make ends meet, many are turning to local hunger-relief agencies such as food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens.

"Due to the lasting effects of the pandemic and the continuing rise in inflation, families are struggling to buy groceries and many are turning to food pantries for help for the first time," said Katie DeForest, Fund Development Director for Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.

"Unfortunately, these agencies are experiencing the same diminished purchasing power that families are facing with their own grocery budgets. Meat is especially difficult to obtain."

In fact, according to the most recent data from the Consumer Price Index, meat prices have risen over 13% since February 2021, making a noticeable impact on hunger-relief agencies throughout the state.

"More food pantries than ever have been reaching out for help from us this year. They simply can't afford to purchase meat with the rising cost of groceries, and most of their donations are non-perishable items," DeForest went on to say.

"Meat is hard to come by and there's a great need for it. It's a major source of protein, which is so important for a healthy diet." Executive Director Debra Treesh said this is where hunters can help. Last year, venison accounted for more than 37,000 pounds of the over 213,000 pounds of meat distributed by Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry—a number they hope to surpass this deer season.

"On average, each donated deer provides



enough meat for about 200 high-protein meals to those reached through hunger-relief agencies," said Treesh.

"Every donation helps." Hunters who wish to contribute can take field-dressed deer to any one of several participating butchers in the area and inform the butcher of their intent to donate. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry will pay the processing costs. After processing, local food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens are called to pick up the donation.

There is absolutely no charge to the livestock and deer donors. For a list of participating meat processors, visit www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org.

But hunters aren't the only ones that can help. Farmers can donate livestock to the program year-round, and monetary donations are always appreciated.

"Thanks to our partnerships throughout the community, our average costs are only \$1.43 per pound," said DeForest.

"That means that funds donated to our program can purchase anywhere from 50-to-75% more meat than the same funds at current grocery store prices. The meat is then given to area hunger-relief agencies at no cost to them."

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry serves all 92 counties within Indiana. For more information on how to get involved or become a partner food agency to receive meat, visit HoosiersFeedingTheHungry.org.

About Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry:

Founded in 2011, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry has paid to process almost 2 million pounds of meat—providing over 8 million meals. Partnering with 85 meat processors statewide, the organization gives approximately 250,000 pounds of meat annually to an average of 600 hunger relief agencies throughout Indiana. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry accepts donations and is always looking for volunteers to help in efforts to reduce food insecurity throughout Indiana. For more information, visit HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org or call (260) 233-1444.

Ag Economy Barometer Continues Downward Trend, Producers Express Concern About Interest Rate Policy

Farmer sentiment weakened again in October as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer dropped 10 points to a reading of 102. Both barometer's sub-indices also declined this month. The Current Conditions Index dipped 8 points to a reading of 101, while the Future Expectations Index dropped 11 points to a reading of 102.

The "Ag Economy Barometer" is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Oct. 10-14.

"Concern over rising interest rates grew once again in October and is adding to the unease among producers who are worried about its impact on their farm operations," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

"Additionally, challenging shipping conditions throughout the Mississippi River valley have hampered exports recently, and the corresponding widespread weakening of corn and soybean basis levels could be contributing to heightened unease about financial performance."

Producer concern about the financial performance of their farms was one of the primary drivers of weakening sentiment in October. The Farm Financial Performance Index fell 13 points this month to 86 and was a distillation of produc-

ers' concerns about high input costs combined with weaker commodity prices.

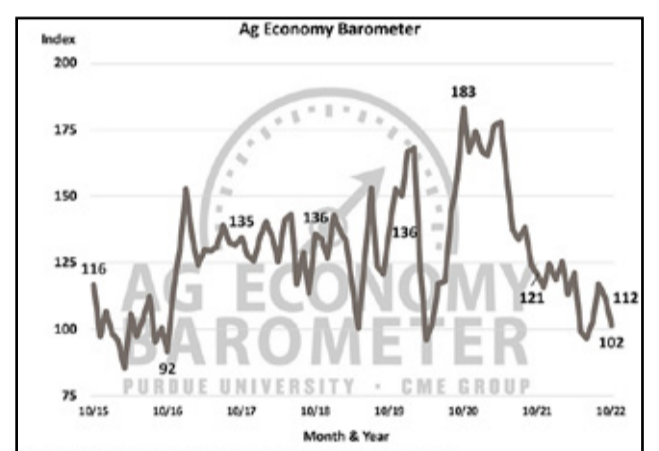
Looking ahead to next year, over 40% of producers viewed high input costs as their top concern, followed by 21% who chose rising interest rates, 13% who chose lower output prices and 13% who chose input availability.

After dipping to a new record low last month, the Farm Capital Investment Index improved 7 points this month to a reading of 38. Producers who viewed this as a bad time for large investments revealed that increasing prices for farm machinery and new construction (40% of respondents) was the primary reason for their negative outlook, followed by rising interest rates (20%) and uncertainty about farm profitability (17%).

Producers' expectations for short- and long-term farmland values rose this month. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectation Index rose 10 points to a reading of 133, while the Long-Term Farmland Value Index rose 5 points to 144.

Strength in both indices comes on the heels of reports from farmland auctions around the Corn Belt that land values are setting new record highs again this fall. Even with this month's rise, both indices remain weaker than a year earlier. The short-term index this month was 15% lower and the long-term index was 11% lower than in October 2021.

Farm policy discussions



Graphic by James Mintert courtesy of Purdue/CME Group

Ag Economy Barometer declines again, producers express concern about interest rate policy.

are underway as Congress prepares for debate on a new Farm Bill in 2023.

As a result, several farm policy related questions were included in this month's barometer survey. Crop producers were asked which two policies or programs would be most important to their farm in the upcoming five years. More than one-third (36%) of crop producers chose interest rate policy as the most important policy issue for their farming operation, followed by the crop insurance program (27%), environmental policy (16%), conservation policy (11%) and climate policy (10%).

When asked how effective the current ARC-County and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs are at providing a financial safety net, 72% of respondents rated the two programs as either "somewhat effective" (61%) or "very effective" (11%). When the same question was posed relative to crop insurance, 84% of respondents rated it as either "somewhat

effective" (56%) or "very effective" (28%).

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

About the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture:

The Center for Commercial Agriculture was founded in 2011 to provide professional development and educational programs for farmers. Housed within Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics, the center's faculty and staff develop and execute research and educational programs that address the different needs of managing in today's business environment. Visit ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/ for more information.



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State Files Enforcement Actions Against Two Alleged Illegal Robocallers

Attorney General Todd Rokita on Tuesday announced the national Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force is enforcing investigative demands sent to two voice service providers over alleged involvement in illegal robocalls.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

"We're working every day to protect Hoosiers from these annoying and illegal robocalls," Rokita said. "That means holding the telecom industry accountable for doing its part to stop these calls."

The targets of the investigation are Michael Lansky LLC — doing business as Avid Telecom — and One Eye LLC. The national task force is enforcing civil investigative demands (CIDs) against each entity.

Fifty-one attorneys general participate in the national task force, which Indiana co-leads with North Carolina and Ohio. The Attorney General announced the formation of the task force in early August.

"When we started this task force, we knew that some providers were not going to like us shining sunlight into their operations," Rokita said. "But the task force and I fully intend to get straight an-

tion LLC, and became the apparent CEO of One Eye. This transition occurred after the Federal Communications Commission sent PZ Telecom a cease-and-desist letter.

One Eye has stopped responding to the task force, and the State of Indiana has moved to enforce the CID.

"These two companies represent what is wrong with the industry," Rokita said. "More reputable and civic-minded organizations are always eager to cooperate with authorities to protect consumers."

The task force, through evidence detailed in the enforcement actions, believes it has a reasonable basis for investigating Avid Telecom and One Eye. This national unit continues to work daily to stop the flood of illegal robocalls into the states. While this is the first public enforcement action taken by the task force, it will not be the last.

According to the National Consumer Law Center and Electronic Privacy Information Center, more than 33 million scam robocalls are made to Americans every day. These scam calls include fraud-

sters posing as the Social Security Administration, Amazon and employers offering work opportunities.

Fraudsters stole an estimated \$29.8 billion through scam calls in 2021. The task force is focused on shutting down the gateways that profit off this illegal scam traffic.

The Attorney General's office offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

- Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer, or cryptocurrency. For example, the Internal Revenue Service does not accept iTunes gift cards.
- Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies. Typically, the Social Security Administration does not make phone calls to individuals.
- If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately hang up and do not provide any personal information.
- Contact our Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-834-9969 or donotcall@atg.in.gov.
- Add your number to the Indiana Do Not Call List by visiting indonotcall.org

FSSA Announces New Campaign to Support At-Risk Hoosier Youth



The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction is launching a new program to support Hoosier youth in building a stronger sense of self through the Believe in You campaign. The campaign includes resources focusing on specific topics and behaviors that have been identified as risk areas for alcohol and substance misuse, such as developing mental strength, positive thinking, coping techniques and self-control.

Community groups or organizations that engage with youth are invited to consider adopting the program and encouraging youth to opt-in.

Youth who engage with the Believe in You campaign will receive a series of weekly text messages that provide a mix of verbal and written support, education, polls, questions and links to a video portal. The videos focus on specific topics identified by Hoosier youth as critical points of importance to them and their mental wellness, including mental wellbeing support, inspirational stories and helpful information from mentors, health professionals, peers and influential members of the community.

"Mental health challenges in adolescence can often lead to serious negative long-term impacts, especially when substance misuse is factored into the equation," said Jay Chaudhary, director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

"DMHA is committed

to improving access to quality behavioral health services for children and adolescents across Indiana, but we know that there are significant unmet needs today. We are launching this new program to help fill that gap by giving youth who may be at-risk direct access to mental wellbeing tools."

As an added layer of encouragement, youth who take the campaign's challenge to have a sponsor to guide them through program may be eligible to receive an additional incentive. At the end of each four-week challenge period, participants meet with their sponsor to discuss the program's messaging and takeaways. In exchange, each participant may be eligible to receive a \$10 gift card for their participation. While having a sponsor is encouraged for the campaign, it is not required for youth to opt-in.

To opt in to the Believe in You direct message program, text BEYOU to (877) 861-6807. Video content can be viewed by visiting the Believe in You video portal by clicking here.

For additional information on how to leverage this program in your community, contact Amber Becker, DMHA Director of Child, Youth, and Family Systems, at amber.becker@fssa.in.gov or (317) 232-8908 to sign up for a 30-minute virtual training session.

Youth who are experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis can call 988 for immediate support.

USDA Launches New Loan Assistance Tool to Enhance Equity and Customer Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) launched a new online tool to help farmers and ranchers better navigate the farm loan application process. This uniform application process will help to ensure all farm loan applicants receive equal support and have a consistent customer experience with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) regardless of their individual circumstances.

"USDA recognizes more must be done to ensure all customers have equal access to our programs and services," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux.

"The Loan Assistance Tool is another example of USDA taking accountability and ensuring we update our existing systems, processes, and policies to make them equitable for all customers. The tool will help loan applicants better understand the application process and gather the needed documents before the process even begins."

USDA experiences a high rate of incomplete or withdrawn applications, particularly among underserved customers, due in part to a challenging and lengthy paper-based application process. The Loan Assistance Tool is available 24/7 and gives customers an online step-by-step guide that



supplements the support they receive when working in person with a USDA employee, providing materials that may help an applicant prepare their loan application in one tool.

Farmers can access the Loan Assistance Tool by visiting farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool and clicking the 'Get Started' button. From here they can follow the prompts to complete the Eligibility Self-Assessment and start the farm loan journey. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser, and is fully functional on mobile devices. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

The Loan Assistance Tool is the first of mul-

iple farm loan process improvements that will be available to USDA customers on farmers.gov in the future. Other improvements and tools that are anticipated to launch in 2023 include:

- A streamlined and simplified direct loan application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.
- An interactive online direct loan application that gives customers a paperless and electronic signature option, along with the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns.
- An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local Service Center to pay a

loan installment.

Background: USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act, USDA is taking action to immediately provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers whose operations are at financial risk while working on making transformational changes to loan servicing so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations.

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BETSY From Page A1



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A cast and crew of about 100 students (posed above) are involved in "Chicago, The Musical" fall musical Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Tickets are on sale now.

out, especially when the community does its duty to support all of these wonderfully talented students involved.

There are 90 student cast and crew members, including 53 student cast members and 37 student crew members, plus 13 adults on artistic staff. Plus add in another 25 members of a pit orchestra, who learn all of the music for the show and perform it every night in the pit.

Today, I share with you the names of our Noblesville music and theater students and the artistic adult directors who are determined to make this show a success. So here goes:

MEET THE CAST:

Velma Kelly, Gabbie Mams; Roxie Hart, Sean Wood; Billy Flynn, Mason Kebrdle; Amos Hart, Colin McCabe; Matron "Mama" Morton, Cass Henson; Master of Ceremonies, Roux Carney; Mary Sunshine, Sarah Rolinson; Sergeant Fogarty /Martin Harrison, Nick Adams; Aaron / The Judge / Mikhail / Dance Captain, Maddux Morrison; Fred Casely / Charlie, Nick Sizelove; Go-To-Hell Kitty, Kat Logue; Harry, Gray Black; Court Clerk / Bernie, Ray Kenley; Juror, Mason James; Liz, Lauryn Kinzie; Annie, Charlotte Wiggins; Ezekiel, Nolan Campbell; June / Dance Captain, Savannah McClure; Wilbur, Nathan Dorris; Hunyak, Kate Boice; Mona, Mia Feigel; Alvin Lipschitz, Josiah Smith.

Ensemble: Addie McMillan, Alaina Wadsworth, Amelia Wiggins, Angela Reyes, Anni Abrahamyan, Annalycia Melendez, Blake Valentine, Brenner Zebrauskas, Cai Cook, Carmen Cremer, Corinne Mitchell, Ehren Knerr, Ellie Seago, Else Miller, Evelyn Summers, Hailley Kirkpatrick, Hannah Ropte, Hope Siktberg, Ivory Jones, John Bush, Katy Luna, Kenzie Wood, Lilah Cross, Maci Clumb, Maddie McIntyre, Marissa Wagner, Miranda Ricardo, Olivia Snyder, Paige Moorman, Parker



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Cast members of Noblesville High School's fall musical, "Chicago, The Musical," rehearse for the production, which is Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Dancers in Noblesville High School's fall musical, "Chicago, The Musical," rehearse for the production, which is Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

Wood, Prue Mahurin
*Featuring the NHS Miller Girls Dance Team under the direction of Bailey Mann.

MEET THE CREW:

Assistant Student Director / Production Stage Manager, Trevor Greenlee; Deck Manager, Rylee Odle; Assistant Stage Manager, Emerson Phillips; Assistant Deck Manager, Maitri Patel; Student Producer, J Herold; Light Board Operators, Laiken Charpie and Emerson Phillips; Fly Rail Operator, Max Midkiff; Follow Spot Operators, J Herold and River Arnold; Props Master, Kota Davis; Stage Hands, Cascien Bender, Abby Bozell, Aaron Costa, Stevie Miles; Student Costume Manager, Rue Tierney; Costume Crew, Anna Ackerman, Emma Brown, Jillian Gale, Amy Lynn, Bowen Mann, Alivia Stewart, Sierra Stocks; Student

Hair/Makeup Manager, Bo Bastin; Hair/Makeup Crew, Max Brown, Mack Peterson, Aleigha Keller, Ebbe Beer, Madison Bechman, Iliana Schoupe; Prompter Head, Emma Cseke; and Prompters, Ava Burrell, Dakota Ewan, Braedon Lechien, Vincent Lomellin, Abbie Martz, Andrew Rivera, Devin Ruse and Lucy Stambaugh

MEET THE PIT ORCHESTRA:

Director: David Hartman

Banjo: Jaiden Casey
Drums/Percussion: Robbie Butler and Ella Feliciano

Piano: Carrie Cain, Tyler Cowan, Amy Schoonover

Reed 1: alto saxophone and clarinet, Jacob Hunt and Jacob Ropte; flute, Elysia Uggem

Reed 2: tenor sax and clarinet, Tessa Bragg; flute, Lia Benitez

Reed 3: bari saxophone

Want TO GO?

What: Noblesville High School presents "Chicago, The Musical."

When: 7 p.m. Nov. 17, 18 and 19.

Where: Noblesville High School Auditorium, 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

How much: \$10-\$15, reserved seating.

Tickets online: search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/nhscco/buy-tix

and bass clarinet, Tyler Gauthier

Trombone: Keegan O'Connor and Jackson Durst

Trumpet: Daniel Carrington and Ben Whitacre

Tube/Bass: Matthew Crosby, Clark Larson, Anthony Orta

Violin: Ashlyn Barber, Mason Cannady, Ethan Feliciano, Marielle Fitch, Peyton Kauzlick, Chloe Snyder

MEET THE ADULT ARTISTIC STAFF:

Director: Shantel Morris

Music Director: John Neubauer

Choreographers: Julianne Fowler and Shantel Morris

Assistant Choreographers: Stephenie Knoll, Bailey Mann and Jeanne Wade

Technical Director: Greg Richards

Assistant Tech Director: Susan Nieten

Costume Designer: Kerin Meyer

Orchestra Director: David Hartman

Sound & Effects: Jason Jasper

Student Director: Trevor Greenlee

Assistant Music Director: Julianne Fowler

Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

By the way, this week's eLearning Day, or teacher professional development day, at Noblesville Schools, was planned for the day after Halloween instead of on the usual Wednesday based on parents requesting this over the years, according to district spokesperson Marnie Cooke. The initial response seen from parents has been positive.

PARKS From Page A1



Photo by Byron Settles courtesy of HCPR

Representatives from a number of groups interested in the recent funding by DNR for land conservation at HC Farms gathered at the site of the planned park. From left to right are Brad Baldwin, DNR; Jeff Spicer, Cardno; Tom Clover and Dr. Judith Campbell, HCPR Board Members; Sue Maki, Hamilton County Council Member; Bruce Oldham, HCPR Deputy Director; Terry Prather, HCPR Board President; and Chris Stice, HCPR Director.

The program facilitates the restoration, establishment, enhancement and preservation of aquatic resources through fees paid to the DNR to satisfy compensatory mitigation requirements.

The DNR allocated \$800,000 of the fees generated through the program, to the county parks department to ensure conservation and protection of recently acquired land in northwest Hamilton County. To receive the funding, the 107 acres of property, known as HC Farms, had to meet the program's stringent conservation criteria.

HCPR and DNR personnel understood that the funding issued through the program would require attention to detail and an ongoing collaboration between the county parks department, the state agency and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to make sure that the necessary guidelines were followed.

"It required a great deal of patience from all parties involved, knowing that the foundation for future such funding was being formed during this process," stated Tom Laycock, Director of the DNR Division of Land Acquisition, which runs the program.

As land throughout the county is being rapidly rezoned and developed for both commercial and residential use, county officials and park leadership felt it was imperative to secure this property, knowing it holds the potential to provide county residents and visitors with a distinctive park experience.

With the involvement of state partners and agencies, such as the DNR, land such as this - previously impacted by development

and farming - has the potential to be restored and protected for the natural benefits it offers not only today, but for generations to come.

HCPR Director, Chris Stice, praised the importance of securing the funding, saying, "Hamilton County Parks feels blessed to be able to procure and preserve this ecological asset on behalf of our county and community."

"The department's intent is to restore the property's wetlands and stream corridor and expand the existing prairie. Appropriate reforestation measures will also be taken. We are looking to strategically develop and maintain trails on the property, as well. By restoring the quality of the land's natural habitat, we are remaining true to our departmental mission of providing high quality passive parks and serving as responsible stewards of the land entrusted to us," he went on to say.

HCPR's leadership team is working with its parks board and a professional consulting firm to identify the best use of the land, consistent with the parks department's mission. Part of the planning will include soliciting community feedback through a variety of communication channels, including public meetings. No timeline for work on the project has been set yet.

To learn more about Hamilton County Parks, visit MyHamiltonCountyParks.com, follow the park department on Facebook or call (317) 770-4400. Detailed information about the importance and purpose of the DNR In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program can be found at IN.gov/inswmp

Obituary deadline

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HCEM From Page A1

logistics, and finance/administration.

The system has been used throughout the county for many years, but recently Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency implemented it at a fundamental level by enhancing job descriptions and titles to align with the system. This ensures personnel complete national-level training and applies this new information to their emergency and disaster preparedness and response roles.

"We are the only county in the state with the staffing, training, and experience to meet these requirements," said Shane Booker, Executive

Director.

"The training has been difficult to find due to COVID, and we were fortunate the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency was gracious enough to allow us to send some of our personnel to courses they offered. I am incredibly proud of the staff who embraced this change to make Hamilton County better prepared for emergency response operations," said Booker.

Those who completed the training are:

- Shane Booker and Ryan Tennesen, Unified Incident Management
- Dylan Powell, Operations Section Chief
- Indiana Prati, Planning



Section Chief

• Michael Franklin and Tony Peterson, Logistics Section Chief

• Pam Eldridge, Finance and Administration Section Chief

As a county public safety department, emergency management provides support and coordination to all municipalities and unincorporated areas

during an emergency using the National Incident Management System. To learn more, visit their website at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/em.

About Hamilton County Emergency Management:

Hamilton County Emergency Management is a county public safety department tasked with supporting all municipalities through information coordination, resource management, and consequence management. HCEM is Indiana's largest emergency management program, with seven full-time and two part-time employees and four volunteer programs with nearly 200 active volunteers.

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1. What is the county's population per square mile?
1. How many towns does the county have?
3. What percentage of the county is made up of Logansport?
4. How old is Cass County?

Answers: 1. 93.9 per square mile 2. 7 towns 3. About 2.57% 4. 189 years

Did You Know?

- Cass County was founded in 1829 and named after General Lewis Cass.
- As of 2010 the county had a population of 38,966 individuals and was 414.85 square miles.
- Logansport, the county seat, is home to the oldest high school mascot in Indiana, Felix the Cat.
- Cass County has one city, Logansport, and seven towns.
- Logansport is 10.68 square miles and has a diverse transportation history.

Got Words?

Cass County was named in honor of General Lewis Cass who was crucial in generating treaties with Native Americans for land. How do you think General Cass's role played a part in the formation of Cass County and the lifestyles of it's residents.

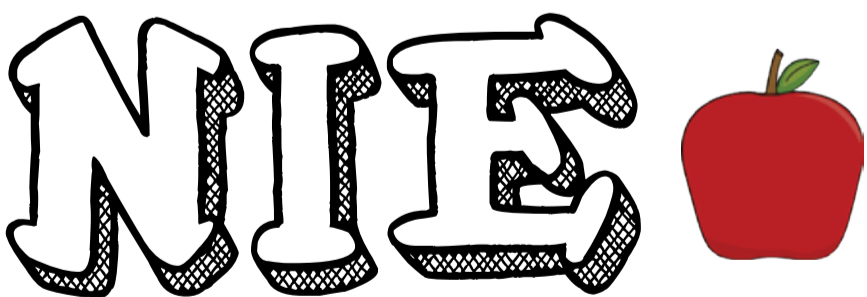
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Unscramble the words below!

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Community Health, Ivy Tech Partner To Address Critical Nursing Shortage

Community Health Network and Ivy Tech Community College are long-time partners in providing Hoosiers with quality healthcare. From providing students with clinicals to hiring Ivy Tech alumni, it is a partnership that the Hoosier state has benefited from in the form of talented nurses and other healthcare professionals. Earlier this year, Community opened its doors at the Community Health Pavilion in Noblesville to Ivy Tech medical assisting students. In addition to providing clinical site space for the incoming cohort, Community provided externship opportunities with temporary job training and learning opportunities to experience the potential of working in a healthcare setting. And Community representatives joined with Ivy Tech leaders in asking the state legislature for flexibility in the administration of the College's nursing school, allowing the College to expand the number of students it enrolls.

Today, Community announced it will be taking the partnership to a new level to tackle the state's nursing shortage through a donation that will expand the College's nursing programs at its Anderson, Hamilton County, Indianapolis, and Kokomo campuses. Funds will be used for faculty and staff recruiting, equipment, student support and scholarship, faculty compensation and other related costs.

"Ivy Tech is proud to partner with Community Health Network to

increase the number of nurses in Indiana," Ivy Tech Community College President Dr. Sue Ellspermann said. "This generous gift will positively impact our communities by helping us create talent pipelines for highly skilled nurses needed to support Community's healthcare mission and the countless Hoosiers they serve each year."

Ivy Tech awards more undergraduate nursing degrees than any other Indiana postsecondary school. Approximately 90% of the College's nursing graduates stay in Indiana.

"This is a very personal commitment to our communities and to our own caregivers that we are dedicated to finding the right partners to train our future nurses at Community Health Network," said Jean Putnam, Chief Nursing Officer for Community Health Network. "Our innovative partnership with Ivy Tech Community College lays a foundation that is paramount to the future of our nursing profession."

The donation will go to the Ivy Tech Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that acts for the benefit of Ivy Tech Community College, as part of the Foundation's \$285M statewide campaign, "Invest IN Ivy Tech." The Foundation's most important function is to provide support for the College beyond state appropriations and student fees. Its overall program of work focuses on meeting student needs.

Portions of the funds will provide scholarships

covering tuition, course materials, and clinical resources for up to 225 students, known as Community Health Network Scholars. Funds will also specifically address nursing expansion by providing test preparation and tutoring for students and faculty recruitment.

Additionally, Community Health Network will select staff members to serve as clinical adjunct faculty each semester and provide clinical access to College students. The Community faculty expertise and experience will make significant contributions to the curriculum, and students will have the opportunity to become paid employee Patient Care Techs. After graduation, Community Health Network will offer full-time employment to qualifying students.

About Community Health Network:
Headquartered in Indianapolis, Community Health Network has been deeply committed to the communities it serves since opening its first hospital, Community Hospital East, in 1956. Community Health Network puts patients first while offering a full continuum of healthcare services, world-class innovations and a new focus on population health management. Exceptional care, simply delivered, is what sets Community Health Network apart and what makes it a leading not-for-profit healthcare destination in central Indiana. For more information about Community Health Network, please visit eCommunity.com.

Borrowing from to-Go Lids, Drones Could Learn to Sense Danger

The oddly satisfying small domes that you press on your soda's to-go cup lid may one day save a winged drone from a nosedive.

Patterns of these invertible domes on a drone's wings would give it a way to remember in microseconds what dangerous conditions feel like and react quickly. The study, conducted by researchers at Purdue University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is among the first demonstrations of a metamaterial that uses its shape to learn how to adapt to its surroundings on its own. The paper is published in the journal *Advanced Intelligent Systems*.

Unlike humans and other living beings, autonomous vehicles lack ways to filter out information they don't need, which slows their response time to changes in their environment.

"There's this problem called 'data drowning.' Drones cannot use their full flight capability because there is just too much data to process from their sensors, which prevents them from flying safely in certain situations," said Andres Arrieta, a Purdue associate professor of mechanical engineering with a courtesy appointment in aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

Dome-covered surfaces that can sense their surroundings would be a step toward enabling a drone's wings to feel only the most necessary sensory information. Because it only takes a certain minimum amount of force to invert a dome, forces below this threshold are automatical-

ly filtered out. A specific combination of domes popped up and down at certain parts of the wing, for example, could indicate to the drone's control system that the wing is experiencing a dangerous pressure pattern. Other dome patterns could signify dangerous temperatures or that an object is approaching, Arrieta said.

Giving drones associative memory through feel

It may seem strange that an invertible dome could give memory cues to a drone wing for dangerous conditions, but humans and animals also use unrelated concepts to recognize relationships. This learning strategy is called associative memory.

When you have forgotten the name of a place, for example, you might use a detail such as the color of a building to remember it. Recalling a partial version of the memory allows you to construct a much more complete version of that memory.

Arrieta's lab investigates ways that an engineered material's shape could help it to compute and process information. His lab frequently takes inspiration from how spiders and other animals use their anatomical shapes to sense and understand the world around them.

For decades, electronics have been designed to save and retrieve images by encoding information in patterns of black or white pixels as zeroes or ones. Because a dome can adopt only two states — popped up or popped down — these states can act like zeroes and ones to create spatial patterns for building associative memory.

Arrieta and his team showed in the study that when a certain level of force inverts a dome, sensors embedded into the flat part of a metamaterial sheet surrounding the dome detect the change in shape. An electrical signal then triggers a memory device called a memristor to make a record of the force and where it was detected on the sheet. With each instance of an inverted dome, the metamaterial learns to remember the pattern that a certain level of force creates on its surface.

In practice, a drone wing would be able to quickly recall a pattern associated with a dangerous condition because the metamaterial keeps a record of all its "partial memories" from inverted dome patterns as a single "complete memory" that these patterns create altogether. Based on this study, the researchers believe that the metamaterial wouldn't need to "buffer" to recall information that it stores within itself over time.

Since the metamaterial can be manufactured with existing methods, these domes can easily cover a large surface area like a drone's wing, Arrieta said. Next, the researchers will test how the material responds to its surroundings based on information it learns from the domes. Arrieta anticipates that it will be possible to build a drone wing using this material design in the next three to five years.

This research is supported by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, National Science Foundation and Indiana Space Grant Consortium.

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In the photo on the left, two students were honored as the 2022 "An Evening of Light" Essay Award Winners: (Right) Achilles Nieves, Junior, Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN (Left) Brock Walley, Sophomore, Celina High School, Celina, OH. In the photo on the right, 2022 Terry Fear Holocaust Educator in Action Award Honorees were: (Right) Peggy Grabowski, Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, IN (Left) Tony Young, Sycamore School, Indianapolis, IN



Photo courtesy of CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Holocaust Museum Honors Educators and Students

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center recently hosted "An Evening of Light" dinner at the Indiana Historical Society in downtown Indianapolis. Five educators and two students were recognized in front of the sold-out crowd.

"Do Justice. Love Mercy. March Proudly."

These words guided Terry Fear, a dear friend of CANDLES, who served on the CANDLES Board of Directors and volunteered as a docent at the museum. Her dedication to Eva's mission was selfless and unwavering. As an educator for 35

years, she was a tireless advocate for social justice. She promoted peace through Holocaust and genocide education. Terry is remembered for the passion, generosity, and grace with which she lived. She believed the world could be a more

compassionate place and worked tirelessly toward this goal.

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center will recognize educators each year through the Terry Fear Holocaust Educator in Action Award, established

in 2022. CANDLES honors Terry's legacy by presenting this award to educators who support Holocaust and Genocide Education. This award seeks to identify, support, and celebrate educators who live and teach in a way that honors the life and work of Terry Fear.

2022 Terry Fear Holocaust Educator in Action Award finalists included: Nikia Garland, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, IN

Storm Murphy, St. Michael's Catholic School, Greenfield, IN

Ryan Trieschman, Columbia City High School, Columbia City, IN

Purdue Global Celebrates Nearly 1,200 Graduates in West Lafayette Commencement Ceremonies

During his distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, Kelvin Gumbs admits to "never truly feeling a connection to the degree I was attempting to earn."

Research led Gumbs to Purdue Global in 2018, and he went on to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in small-group management in 2020, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree in professional studies a year later.

On Saturday (Oct. 22), Gumbs provided the keynote address to 1,177 Purdue Global graduates who took part in in-person and virtual commencement ceremonies at Elliott Hall of Music on the Purdue West Lafayette campus.

"This education, for many of us, has afforded us opportunities to be promoted, pivot to new careers or learn new skills," said Gumbs, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who was raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and now lives in Pensacola, Florida. "For me, it gave me the courage to pursue a new chapter - after 22 years retiring from the Navy - for more family time and a new career coaching various industries to eliminate incidents, develop leadership and transform cultures."

"The journey for us all has been uniquely challenging. We have individually faced varying degrees of difficulty along the way,



but the end state is the same - through challenge, sacrifices and prioritization, we are here together today as Purdue Global graduates and Purdue family, having earned this truly world-class education.

"Take a moment and stop to reflect on, and find delight in, the enriching and fulfilling journey that you have been on to this point. The same grit and determination you used to achieve this degree will set you apart moving forward."

Degrees were awarded from the schools of Business and Information Technology, Education, General Education, Health Sciences, Nursing, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Concord Law School. There were 535 bachelor's degrees, 417 master's degrees, 149 associate degrees, 63 certificates and 13 doctoral degrees (eight Doctor of Nursing Practice, one Juris Doctor and four Executive Juris Doctor).

The graduates reside in 47 states - including 241 Indiana residents - plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, as well as the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico and Pakistan. Some 187 graduates are affiliated with the military.

Thirty-three systemwide university employees are among those who earned a Purdue Global degree or certificate via the Purdue Global education benefit.

Chancellor Frank Dooley addressed the graduates - 719 who registered to attend in-person and 458 virtually - their families and friends.

Dooley noted that over 9,300 Purdue Global students are affiliated with the military, including nearly 5,000 active duty, National Guard and reserve members serving worldwide; over 1,500 military families; and over 2,900 veterans. Almost half of Purdue Global students are the first in their family to attend college, while more than half care for a child or other dependent.

"I'm thrilled that we were able to celebrate here on campus, where the history of Purdue began over 150 years ago," Dooley said. "Can you believe that classes began with only six instructors and 39 students? Look at how far we have come. West Lafayette is a campus with 50,000 students and Purdue Global has another

35,000 students. We are grateful to provide a ceremony that brings us all together, no matter where we are around the globe, either virtually or here in Elliott Hall.

"What you have all done is so remarkable. You completed your education while dealing with everything that life throws your way, including a pandemic. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to get where you are today, and you should be proud."

Lisa Holman, from Hopkins, Minnesota, who received a Purdue Global diploma for her Master of Science degree in information technology, performed the national anthem.

Saturday marked Purdue Global's 15th commencement since its formation in 2018 and the second in West Lafayette.

In the days leading up to commencement, Purdue Global hosted various virtual celebratory events, including a photo booth, toast, graduation "shout out" board and social media activities, as well as both an in-person Black and Gold Celebration and Military Appreciation Dinner on Friday (Oct. 21) in West Lafayette.

Some 11,000 Purdue Global students have graduated in the last year.

The next Purdue Global commencement is scheduled for Feb. 25, 2023, in Anaheim, California.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDCA Announce Grant for Healthy Homes

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDCA) today announce a grant to increase the Healthy Homes Resource Program through IHCDCA.

"We are thrilled to have received this grant to better serve Hoosiers across the state," Crouch said. "Addressing hazards such as lead paint and radon can be expensive fixes, and many Hoosiers can't afford these costs - some upwards of \$20,000. This grant will aid in helping Hoosiers update their homes, especially families with small children."

IHCDCA received \$4.7 million through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program. This new grant will supplement IHCDCA's Healthy Homes Production Grant. Both grant programs will be managed under the Healthy Homes Resource Program.

The additional funds will be used to target households with children under the age of six and will serve all 92 Indiana counties. The program will kick off in early 2023 and will aim to mitigate lead paint and radon interventions in 165 homes across Indiana.

In Indiana, 65% of homes were built prior



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

to 1980, and nearly 20% were built prior to 1940, meaning many homes are in need of lead hazard reduction repairs.

Qualifications for the Lead Protection Program include:

- You have a child under the age of 6 living in the home
- You have a pregnant female living in the home
- You have bare soil in the yard
- You own or rent your home

IHCDCA will work with a network of partners such as community action agencies, county commissioners, township trustees municipalities, weatherization networks and public housing authorities to refer potential beneficiaries to the program. IHCDCA through its Healthy Homes Resource Program webpage, will continue to provide resources to homeowners, renters and contractors on lead hazards and healthy homes interventions.

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Eli Lilly Commits \$92.5M to Purdue to Establish Innovative Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Scholarship Program and Extend Research Collaboration

Purdue University and Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) are establishing an innovative new pharmaceutical manufacturing scholarship program and have renewed their strategic research collaboration in a series of moves that will expand their impact in Indiana and improve lives on a global scale. Lilly has committed \$92.5 million to the West Lafayette campus through these two programs.

Lilly's commitment includes \$42.5 million over 10 years to fund pharmaceutical manufacturing scholarships for incoming Purdue undergraduate students, offering 75-100 talented students each year full tuition with a guaranteed internship or co-op at Lilly and a promise of coordinated interaction with company leaders. Priority access to the new Lilly Scholars program will be given to undergraduate students who are underrepresented in Purdue's student population, have overcome socioeconomic or educational disadvantages or are among the first generation in their family to attend college.

"Lilly is among Purdue's most important partners, and this latest commitment reaffirms our longtime collaboration. Through these collaborations, Lilly and Purdue are helping to build a critical pharmaceutical ecosystem in the heartland," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. "We have a company that is committed to advancing research and fostering talent. Lilly is investing in students very early in their education rather than waiting until late in their college careers - connecting to students before they even arrive on campus."

The Lilly Scholars program will provide participating students with preferred access and opportunities to compete for a role at the company following graduation. The first scholarships will be offered for fall 2023.

Purdue and Lilly have a historic relationship, dating back to the organizations' founding years. The organizations entered into a new strategic research collaboration in 2017, funded by an initial \$50 million commitment from Lilly. Those collaborative research efforts have helped advance understanding of the physiology of drug delivery



and develop technologies to improve delivery of pharmaceuticals for better patient outcomes and experiences. Lilly and Purdue are now expanding that research collaboration, signing a new \$50 million master agreement that extends the work for another five years, with a research focus on genetic medicine, intrathecal delivery and nanoparticle drug delivery.

"As the number of people who may benefit from our innovative medicines continues to increase, we are investing to advance critical research and build a more diverse pipeline of talent in Indiana. Together with Purdue, we can help to keep our state's best and brightest in Indiana, furthering Lilly's ability to make life better for millions of people," said David A. Ricks, Lilly's chair and CEO. "As a Purdue graduate, I am proud of the success the university has built and even more proud to see Lilly and Purdue team up to make both institutions better and better."

The basic research by Purdue faculty helps Lilly expedite the development of technologies and pharmaceuticals, improving the pace of getting therapies to patients who need them. Over the last eight years, Lilly has introduced 18 new medicines to make life better for people living with diseases like diabetes and cancer. The company aims to introduce four additional potential new medicines in the next 18 months.

"Purdue's approach to interdisciplinary research with Lilly is driven by an impact-focused mindset aimed at improving the lives of patients. Our collaboration spans training and development all the way to cutting-edge research and facilities," said Theresa Mayer, Purdue University executive vice president for research and collaboration. "The extension of our agreement will continue to provide exceptional opportunities for faculty

members and hundreds of graduate students from across the country to work side-by-side with colleagues from this leading pharmaceutical company."

Both Lilly and Purdue have made strategic commitments in recent years to strengthen expertise and programs in bioscience areas, including pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Earlier this year, Purdue established the William D. Young Institute for Advanced Manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals, an interdisciplinary organization focused on furthering pharmaceutical manufacturing to reduce costs and expand access to new drugs emerging from biotech research. That institute follows a \$250 million investment in life sciences as part of the Purdue Moves strategic plan, which resulted in three university-wide interdisciplinary institutes: the Purdue Institutes of Drug Discovery; Inflammation, Immunology and Infectious Disease; and Integrative Neuroscience, which have helped to attract leading faculty researchers in critical research areas. Purdue has also invested in state-of-the-art facilities, including the Bindley Bioscience Center, which provides a unique infrastructure to support interdisciplinary research.

Over the last five years, Lilly has committed over \$6 billion in pharmaceutical manufacturing globally. This includes \$2.1 billion and up to 500 new jobs in the LEAP Technology Park in Boone County, Indiana, announced in May 2022, and up to 1,500 more jobs during construction of the site.

"Collaborations between academia and industry are essential to innovation to bring therapies to patients as quickly as possible," said Edgardo Hernandez, executive vice president and president of manufacturing operations at Lilly. "With the expan-

sion of our footprint in Indiana, these initiatives with Purdue will help bring a highly skilled pipeline of diverse talent and enhance our manufacturing capacity to deliver medicines to patients around the world."

As Lilly and Purdue work together on new curricula, experiential learning, and certificate and degree programs in pharmaceutical manufacturing, they will help continue to grow pharmaceutical manufacturing in Indiana and expand Purdue's talent pipeline to the company with students supported by the new scholarship program. Every year, Lilly hires Purdue graduates in areas such as engineering, sales, finance, human resources, marketing, procurement, supply chain and more. In fact, Lilly employs nearly 2,500 Purdue graduates - more than from any other university.

"These commitments will better position Purdue to recruit the best, brightest and most diverse students we can," said Kristina Wong Davis, vice provost for enrollment management at Purdue.

About Lilly:

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Indiana FFA Represented in 2022 National Officer Candidate Process

Derick Williams will represent Indiana FFA as the 2022 National Officer Candidate and Julia Hamblen to serve on the National Officer Nominating Committee as Chairperson. Both individuals will represent Indiana FFA at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo this month.

Indiana FFA members have a lot to look forward to at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo this month in Indianapolis. The organization looks for success of all 12,000 members but highlights the success of the 2022 Indiana FFA National Officer Candidate and the National Officer Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Derick Williams of the Union City FFA Chapter in Union City, Indiana, has been selected by Indiana FFA to represent the organization as its 2022 National Officer Candidate.

"I am so excited to watch Derick represent our great state on the National FFA stage," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "FFA is the pipeline for agriculture and a great youth development organization. These young leaders involved are sure to go far, and Derick is no exception."

Williams is the 21-year-old son of Erick and Georgiana Williams and is currently a student at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. Prior to college, he served as the 2020-2021 Indiana FFA State Reporter and the 2021 Indiana FFA National Officer Candidate. This is Williams seventh year as a member of the Union City FFA Chapter, under the leadership of Mr. Ron Smith and Mrs. Cindy Nunez.

"I hope to create a platform where members and advisors alike feel heard and appreciated," said Williams about his goal while running for a position on the 2022-2023 National FFA Officer Team. "I want to use my officer engagements to bring excitement and energy back into our FFA work."

Williams is one of 35 FFA members from across the nation that will vie for a spot on the six person National FFA Officer team. The process to be

selected as a National FFA Officer is an arduous task of interviews with the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee.

"I know how hard Derick has prepared for this event and I sincerely thank him for all the hard work he has put into this process and the family members, educators, advisors and business professionals who have helped him along the way," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director.

"The National FFA Officer Candidates must be well rounded individuals in FFA, agriculture, agriculture policy, future agriculture planning, world topics and many other issues. I know Derick will make Indiana proud."

Julia Hamblen of the Shelbyville FFA Chapter in Shelbyville, Indiana, has been designated as the 2022 National Officer Nominating Committee Chairperson by the current National FFA Officer Team. Hamblen is currently enrolled at Purdue University's College of Agriculture studying Agricultural Education. As a member of the nine person Nominating Committee, Hamblen will put in countless hours and play a pivotal role in nominating the 2022-2023 National FFA Officer Team.

"This is an experience that high school Julia dreamed of, but never thought of as a possibility, with my chapter starting in 2017," Julia said about being selected as the Chairperson. "Yet, here we are, and that dream has become a reality."

The roles of National Officer Candidate and National FFA Officer Nomination Committee are made available to a select few FFA members each year. Indiana FFA is proud of the youth leaders that are developed through its programming at the state and local level. The 95th National FFA Convention & Expo will be held in Indianapolis October 26 - 29, 2022. Williams and Hamblen will be joined by numerous Indiana FFA members competing in events and participating in leadership development and community service programs.

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Purdue Agriculture Dean Announces New Entomology, Botany and Plant Pathology Department Heads

Karen Plaut, Purdue University's Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, has appointed Catherine Hill head of the Department of Entomology and Tesfaye Mengiste head of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology.



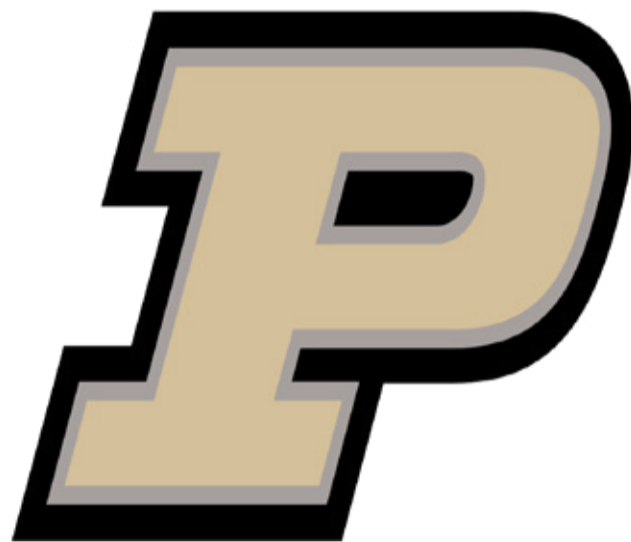
Catherine Hill

"Dr. Hill and Dr. Mengiste bring extensive experience to these positions," Plaut said. "They are both highly accomplished and internationally respected in their fields and also bring distinct leadership strengths to their departments. I look forward to working with them in their new roles."

Hill, professor and formerly interim department head of entomology, earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural science and PhD in entomology from the University of Adelaide, Australia. Hill said she looks forward to working with the department and its many partners in training future leaders and conducting nation-leading research.

"Purdue entomology enjoys a proud history of serving the land-grant mission, having delivered excellence in discovery, learning and extension for our state and nation for more than 100 years," Hill said. "Looking ahead, the department is unified around a shared vision to address some of society's greatest challenges in the areas of global food security, the protection of agricultural production and human health and animal health, and the preservation of natural resources."

Mengiste, professor and formerly interim



department head of botany and plant pathology, earned his bachelor's degree in plant sciences from Haramaya University in Ethiopia, a master's degree in plant biotechnology from the University of London, and a PhD in plant molecular biology from the University of Basel in Switzerland. Mengiste said to be asked to lead one of the oldest, most vibrant departments in Purdue's College of Agriculture, knowing its national and

international impact, is a privilege.

"My role as a department head of this vibrant academic community is to promote excellence in all our mission areas – research, engagement and training of the next generation of plant science professionals – by creating a climate where everyone's success is recognized," Mengiste said. "I am here to support our faculty, staff and students and catalyze success."

Study Examines State's Main Street's Income and Salaries

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs released the Indiana Main Street 2022 Income and Salary Report recently. The report includes a study on the current salaries, benefits, operational funding and staffing data of Indiana Main Street communities, as well as tools and resources.

"Main Street communities play a key role in downtown revitalization and economic development," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "OCRA and our Indiana Main Street team hope this report will be insightful for current and future Main Streets and be a helpful resource for those engaging in the program."

This report was created based on 63 survey responses from Indiana Main Street programs across all three levels. Additional comparison data to other nonprofits in Indiana was collected from Charitable Advisors 2021 "Central Indiana

Nonprofit Salary Survey."

The report also focuses on tools and resources to help staff, board members and local units of government of current and future Indiana Main Streets. This includes guidance for local Main Street organizations on how to advocate for themselves and engage local municipalities and other organizations for further funding or support.

For paid staff and board members of Main Street organizations, the report includes information on how to understand ideal compensation for staff and plan accordingly for raises, salary adjustments, providing benefits and additional staff. Additionally, the guide aims to help Main Street communities understand and evaluate current operating budgets at different Indiana Main Street levels and population sizes.

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